UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RELATED CASE ORDER

A Sua Sponte Referral for Purposes of Determinating Relationship of Cases has been filed requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

C 11-4390 MMC Flagstar Bank, FSB v. Simmons

C 11-5106 JSW Simmons v. Flagstar, FSB

C 11-5109 JSW Flagstar Bank, FSB v. Simmons

ORDER

On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest filed case, I find that the cases:

[] ARE NOT RELATED as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).

[X] **ARE RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(f)(3), the Clerk of Court is ordered to reassign the later-filed actions to the undersigned. The parties are instructed that all future filings in the later-filed action are to bear the initials **MMC** immediately after the case number. All matters presently scheduled for hearing in the reassigned case are vacated and must be renoticed for hearing before the undersigned.

DATED: November 29, 2011

MAXINE M. CHESNEY United States District Judge